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Dyddiad/Date: Tuesday, 14 September 2021

Dear Councillor,

TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

A meeting of the Town & Community Council Forum will be held remotely - via Microsoft Teams on **Monday, 20 September 2021 at 16:00.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008.
3. Approval of Minutes 3 - 6
To receive for approval the Minutes of 10/05/2021
4. Shaping Bridgend's Future - Budget Consultation 2021 Engagement With Town And Community Councils 7 - 10
5. Planning Update Local Development Plan, National Planning Policy & Placemaking 11 - 18
6. Urgent Items
To consider any other item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 4 of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

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Chief Officer, Legal, HR & Regulatory Services

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SE Baldwin
JPD Blundell
MC Clarke
HJ David
P Davies

Councillors

DK Edwards
RM Granville
M Hughes
B Jones
B Sedgebeer
CE Smith

Councillors

SG Smith
JH Tildesley MBE
SR Vidal
KJ Watts
CA Webster
RE Young

Including a representative from each Town & Community Council

Present

Councillor HJ David – Chairperson

S Aspey	H Bennett	JPD Blundell	MC Clarke
P Davies	RM Granville	B Jones	Reeves
CE Smith	SG Smith	SR Vidal	KJ Watts
AJ Williams	RE Young		

Apologies for Absence

Councillors G Letman, D Evans and K Rowlands.

Officers:

Janine Nightingale	Corporate Director - Communities
Jonathan Parsons	Group Manager Development
Michael Pitman	Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Zak Shell	Head of Neighbourhood Services
Ieuan Sherwood	Economy and Natural Resources Manager

206. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

207. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of a meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum dated 15 February 2021, be approved as a true and accurate record, subject to Councillors Amanda Williams and RM Granville, being added to the list of attendees.

208. CLIMATE EMERGENCY - 2030 DECARBONISATION AGENDA UPDATE

The Corporate Director – Communities supported by the Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources and Sustainability, presented a report, the purpose of which, was to provide a brief update on the BCBC decarbonisation work programme and raise issues of relevance to Town and Community Councils in their decarbonisation work.

She confirmed that Welsh Government (WG) declared a Climate Emergency in April 2019 and set out its priorities to address change for Wales to build resilience. In July 2020, the Welsh Government committed to achieving a net zero carbon public sector in Wales by 2030. This commitment included the public sector in its entirety, including Town and Community Councils.

Bridgend supports the net zero goal and have adopted it into its updated Corporate Plan for 2021-22. In addition, the Council is committed to co-ordinating action to help other areas of the economy making a decisive shift towards decarbonisation, by engaging in collaboration with other public sector organisations (including Town and Community Councils), academia, industry and the third sector.

The Corporate Director – Communities, explained that areas of focus for our internal decarbonisation efforts are energy, transport, buildings, procurement and open spaces. BCBC would be optimising its use of buildings, reducing energy use, designing new builds to the highest standards of energy efficiency, ensuring judicious use of its open spaces to enhance biodiversity and sequester carbon through tree planting, seeking out renewable energy opportunities, and buying better overall. Most importantly, BCBC would be having conversations internally across the Authority so that staff can coalesce around a genuine shared ambition for making a significant step change in relation to climate impact.

She went on further to advise that, 99% of emissions from within the boundaries of the county borough come from sectors other than the public sector. The Council had a clear leadership role in influencing, driving and facilitating change right across the Authority. So aligning low carbon strategies and sharing best practice with Local Partnership Boards, regional neighbours, communities, and businesses, including our Town and Community Councils, is essential to tackling the full range of emissions, including those from goods and services procured.

All public bodies need to address becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030, based on tackling the different scope emissions as detailed in the report. Public sector partners were establishing their carbon baselines and seeking to address the same issues. Businesses were also identifying their corporate and social responsibilities to address climate change to reduce their impact and improve social well-being. A collaborative approach across sectors was therefore both desirable and practical.

The shift to a low carbon system increases economic output and is part of our national recovery plans. BCBC's strategy and action plan for carbon neutrality will therefore contribute to local economic prosperity.

BCBC has also engaged Carbon Trust to conduct a baseline emissions audit of our Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions. This baseline will be used to prepare a plan for full decarbonisation by 2030.

A provisional estimate was that around 60% of our emissions result from procurement. Our work with our suppliers and the supply chain will be crucial in ensuring swift progress to net zero.

The Council could not achieve its decarbonisation goal alone and will therefore be engaging widely with partners for sharing experience, knowledge, and delivering on our aims. Its draft action plan will be shared widely for consultation so that members of the public, civil society, and all stakeholders have an opportunity to shape our work.

A presentation on this important topic was also given by Officers, in support of the report.

The Leader thanked Officers for their submission and added that, Climate Change was having a detrimental effect on the planet and locally upon communities and was officially now regarded as something of a crisis. Therefore, things required changing in the future, in order improve the situation.

A Member felt that it was important to reduce speeds on roads and the highway network in general, which would reduce carbon emissions, particularly in rural areas such as where there were schools.

The Leader advised that there were plans introduced by Welsh Government in progress, whereby 20mph speed limit zones would be considered for implementation within built-

up urban areas and this was something that was presently being piloted. The Corporate Director – Communities confirmed this to be the case, adding that this project would affect major routes and residential areas throughout Wales, with a completion date of the end of 2023 being targeted. BCBC would look at this being considered outside the likes of schools and Care settings, amongst others.

In terms of electric vehicle charging, a Member advised that it was a statutory requirement for BCBC to convert its fleet from the likes of diesel/petrol to electric operated vehicles and provide charging points for these new vehicles. He asked where these charging points are going to be provided and if any would be placed where the public could access them, such as in Bridgend operated/owned car parks.

The Leader advised that the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal had taken the lead in terms of steering and committing investment to the provision of electric vehicle charging points and there would be a number provided in the County Borough in areas such as for example, Porthcawl, Bridgend, Brynmenyn, Bryncethin, Maesteg and at the Civic Offices and at around 112 sites across the whole of the County Borough.

A Member stated that there was a need for the Council to work with key stakeholders and businesses, in order to impress upon the importance of the change to electrically operated vehicles, such as the general public who owned private cars and taxi companies/drivers, as they were on the road far more than other public transport such as buses etc. Support should be given she felt to not just convert vehicles such as those provided by First Cymru from conventional energy to that based upon electric energy, as well as looking to provide more public transport services in more of our rural communities as well as town locations.

The Leader confirmed that there would be 15 electrical charging sites for larger vehicles of public transport such as buses and he recognised and acknowledged the need for taxi's to convert to the more user friendly energy of electric also.

The Corporate Director – Communities, added that the local authority had committed £500k to the above and it would actively work with its stakeholders, as well as with the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, in order to look at further possible avenues of funding, in order to put the proposed converted changes in place. A greater push would also be made she added, for the use of Active Travel and the availability and provision of more transport routes across the County Borough with the likes of transport providers such as First Cymru. Welsh Government were also still assisting in the funding of bus routes across Wales, as part of re-introducing public transport and encouraging the public to use this, since it was stopped during the stages of lockdown.

The Cabinet Member – Communities advised that BCBC now had a 2030 Decarbonisation Strategy and it would therefore be judged on the aims, objectives and ultimately the achievements of this as it progresses. This would mean changing the way it conducted its business in future and in the way it provided alternative forms of energy. This included travel and the way we heated our homes. A One Council approach was very much required in order to realise this, he explained. In terms of wider travel opportunities, the Cabinet Member – Communities added that the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal were also funding a Metro Transport provision.

A Member felt that the proposals of the Decarbonisation agenda on a wider scale, would affect the National Grid.

The Leader confirmed by stating that the likely supply and demand in Bridgend had been mapped out.

The Corporate Director – Communities added that as well as electric forms of energy, there would still be scope to look at other ‘friendly’ methods of power, such as the likes of solar and wind. In terms of electrical charging facilities provided at various locations, these also had to adequately supply sufficient energy to charge the estimated number of vehicles that were going to be accommodated there. Capacity issues would have to be closely examined and monitored.

The Cabinet Member – Communities acknowledged the fact that the National Grid would have difficulty in coping with the anticipated surge of alternative energy when this came into fruition. Aside of other examples of alternative renewable energy sources suggested, renewable energy from the sea was also a viable option to be explored.

A Member suggested that Town and Community Councils could be approached in order to assist the funding levels required for the likes of Electric charges points. Solar Panels could also be fitted in Council buildings, which too could be financially supported by the Authorities partners/stakeholders.

The Corporate Director – Communities agreed that this suggestion could be pursued further.

A Member asked if any further thought had been given to connecting Pyle to Bridgend and Porthcawl by way of a tram.

The Corporate Director – Communities confirmed that as part of the Salt lake development, there would be a bus terminus connecting transport links between Porthcawl and Pyle. A further connection then from Pyle to Bridgend could then be made by rail transport.

A Member felt that there was a need to look at ways to discourage car travel, as she considered that there were far too many cars on the road. Energy reductions should also be looked at in Council buildings, particularly at some older schools where the windows were in a bad state of repair.

The Corporate Director – Communities confirmed that the Council’s Corporate Landlord section were undertaking re-fit works at schools, ie the provision of new windows, doors, insulation etc. This was being pursued through a Re-fit loan that would be paid back in 7 years, from energy savings made as a result of these works. New schools that had recently been built or were proposed to be built in the future, would have as part of their build energy efficiencies in place, she added.

RESOLVED: That the Forum noted the report.

209. **PLANNING UPDATE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY AND PLACEMAKING**

RESOLVED: That Members agreed that this report be deferred to the next meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum.

210. **URGENT ITEMS**

None.

The meeting closed at 17:50

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

20 SEPTEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER – FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE

SHAPING BRIDGEND'S FUTURE - BUDGET CONSULTATION 2021 ENGAGEMENT WITH TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Town and Community Council Forum of the Shaping Bridgend's Future Budget Consultation process 2021, with the aim of ensuring effective engagement with Town and Community Councils and local residents.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective/objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:

- **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county borough.
- **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** – taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
- **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 In conjunction with this report a presentation on the MTFS 2021-22 to 2023-24 will be given to set the scene for future years' savings requirements and budget pressures.
- 3.2 Each year the council carry out a consultation with the public around the MTFS proposals for the following year(s).
- 3.3 In 2018 the consultation team engaged with 5288 residents through a variety of

mechanisms such as face to face engagement, online and paper surveys, social media and the councils Citizens' Panel. In 2019 this engagement increased to 7,437 interactions. Due to the impact of Covid-19 we were unable to carry out face to face engagement in 2020, which resulted in a decrease in interactions. In 2020 there were a total of 1,831 interactions from a combination of survey completions, engagement at various meetings, social media and digital communication engagement and via the local authority's Citizens' Panel.

- 3.4 We aim to ensure that the consultation is as wide reaching as possible, and are continuously looking for ways to engage with the public and improve participation.
- 3.5 We hope that given the success of engagement sessions with Town and Community Councils in 2019 and 2020 we are able to replicate this for 2021, by attending face to face and online meetings as appropriate.

4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 The timeframe for the Shaping Bridgend's Future Budget consultation 2021 is 20 September to 14 November 2021.

4.2 This year the consultation focusses on nine key areas:

- ❖ Performance over the past 12 months;
- ❖ Support for Business, Tourism and the economy;
- ❖ Wellbeing;
- ❖ Customer face-to-face access
- ❖ Digitalisation;
- ❖ Investment in services:
- ❖ Fees and charges;
- ❖ Council Tax levels;
- ❖ The future.

4.3 Bridgend County Borough Council's 'Shaping Bridgend's Future' budget consultations have been undertaken annually since 2013. Previous budget consultations have focused on specific service provisions, but this year we want to engage with residents on a longer term vision for Bridgend County Borough.

4.4 Town and Community Councils will be provided with the electronic link to the consultation, posters and the explainer video. Paper copies are available where requested.

4.5 The consultation will be available in a variety of formats, including online and paper, standard, easy read, youth version and large print. All formats are available in Welsh and English.

4.6 During the live period BCBC officers will be available to attend Town and Community Council meetings. The Consultation and Engagement team will liaise with Town and Community Council Clerks directly to arrange attendance at meetings.

4.7 The Consultation, Engagement and Equalities team will develop a calendar of events for the live period, so all requests to attend meetings or events should be made as soon as possible. Meetings and events will not take place after the closing date of 14 November 2021.

4.8 The Budget Consultation Report will be presented to Cabinet in December 2021.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1 There are no proposed changes to the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Act 2010 implications

6.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales, the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. This is an information report, therefore it is not necessary to carry out an EIA in the production of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. The following is a summary to show how the five ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

Long-term - The consultation process will ensure residents' needs are listened to in the short-term and in the long term.

Prevention – Effective consultation, taking into consideration the views of residents will help to prevent disproportionate impact to any protected characteristic groups, on socio-economic disadvantage or on the Welsh Language.

Integration – The availability of the consultation in many formats ensures integration for all people with protected characteristics.

Collaboration – The consultation is carried out in collaboration with all key stakeholders.

Involvement - Publication of the report ensures that the public and stakeholders can review the work that has been undertaken.

8. Financial implications

8.1 The cost of the budget consultation is met from existing budgets.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 That the Town and Community Council Forum receives and considers this report and gives consideration to engagement during the live period.

Gill Lewis

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20 September 2021

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Background papers:

None

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

20 SEPTEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

Planning Update

Local Development Plan, National Planning Policy & Placemaking

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Local Development Plan, the publication of new national planning policy and an overview of the principles of placemaking in the planning process.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:-**

1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Local Development Plan (LDP) is a statutory, high level strategy which must be prepared and sets out in land-use terms the priorities and objectives of the Council. The current Bridgend LDP is due to expire and the preparation of a replacement plan is underway. The plan is at a critical stage and the Council published the Replacement LDP Deposit Draft for public consultation in June 2021 for a period of 8 weeks in accordance with the Delivery Agreement approved by Council and Welsh Government. All Town and Community Councils were notified of the consultation arrangements. .
- 3.2 In February 2021, the Welsh Government published Future Wales, The National Plan 2040 (FW2040) along with an updated Planning Policy Wales 11 (PPW11). FW2040 is a national development plan for the purposes of determining planning applications and PPW 11 is the relevant national planning policy. The LDP must be in conformity with FW2040.
- 3.3 FW2040 together with PPW11 provides the national policy background and places great emphasis on the principle of 'placemaking'. Placemaking relates to the way places are planned, designed, developed and managed and has the potential to positively shape where and how people will live, work, socialise, move about and engage.

4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 The Local Development Plan

4.2 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires Bridgend County Borough Council to prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP), setting out its objectives for the development and use of land in Bridgend County Borough over the plan period to 2033, and its policies to implement them. The Deposit Draft builds upon the Preferred Strategy (the blueprint of the proposed plan), which has previously been consulted on in 2019. The purpose of the Deposit Draft consultation is to seek the views of all of our communities on the next stage of the LDP process. Amendments to the Deposit Draft can be made after the public consultation and prior to being reported to Council to seek approval to submit the plan for independent examination in public (EIP).

4.3 Once finalised and adopted, the Replacement LDP will replace the existing LDP (2006-2021) as the statutory Development Plan for the County Borough. The Replacement LDP will be required to:

- deliver sustainable & transit-orientated development;
- maximise well-being and create sustainable places through placemaking;
- build upon, and add value to Future Wales and national planning policies and guidance produced by the Welsh Government;
- reflect local aspirations for the County Borough, based on a vision agreed by the Council and other stakeholders;
- express in land-use terms the objectives of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Bridgend Public Service Board's Well-being Plan.
- provide a basis for rational and consistent development management decisions;
- guide growth and change, whilst protecting local diversity, character, and sensitive environments;
- ensure the social and economic resilience of settlements and their ability to adapt to change over the long term; and
- show why, how and where change will occur over the plan period.

4.4 The Deposit Draft consists of a Written Statement and Proposals Map. The Written Statement outlines local planning policies, land use allocations and associated justification based on the supporting evidence. The Proposals Map illustrates the land use allocations, settlement boundaries and planning designations proposed in the Plan.

4.5 LDP Vision, Strategic Objectives and Specific Objectives

4.6 The LDP Vision is set out in the Deposit Draft and will be delivered through 4 Strategic Objectives, underpinned by 35 Specific Objectives. These seek to reflect national policy and legislation and address the issues facing the County Borough. The four Strategic Objectives are as follows:

- ***To Create High Quality Sustainable Places (Placemaking)***
- ***To Create Active, Healthy, Cohesive and Social Communities***
- ***To Create Productive and Enterprising Places***

➤ ***To Protect and Enhance Distinctive and Natural Places***

In turn, the 35 Specific Objectives have been devised to create the right conditions to address the various social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being outcomes.

4.7 Growth and Spatial Strategy

4.8 Development will be directed towards locations conducive to sustainable placemaking that facilitate a balance of environmentally friendly, economically vibrant, and socially inclusive characteristics, aiming to benefit current inhabitants and future generations alike. Sustainable placemaking is therefore an overarching concept that underpins the Replacement LDP, specifically seeking to create places that:

- Meet the needs of all members of the community;
- Promote balanced economic growth that provides access to employment opportunities;
- Provide for active travel and integrated Green Infrastructure networks;
- Provide appropriate infrastructure and services;
- Provide a range of high quality private and affordable housing; and
- Are resilient and adaptable to change and support the Councils vision to make Bridgend a decarbonised, digitally connected smart County Borough.

4.9 Correspondingly, and in order to achieve the Vision and Objectives of the LDP, the Council will follow a Regeneration and Sustainable Growth Strategy. This will provide the framework to help realise the regeneration priorities of the Council, whilst also apportioning sustainable growth towards existing settlements that demonstrate strong employment, service and transportation functions. This approach seeks to balance housing, economic development, connectivity, social needs and environmental protection and enhancement to allow the County Borough to prosper, whilst contributing to the success of the Cardiff Capital Region and Swansea Bay Region. This approach has directly informed and resulted in the formulation of Strategic Policy 1 (SP1), which outlines how the LDP will make provision to deliver the Regeneration and Sustainable Growth Strategy for 2018-2033.

4.10 Strategic Allocations

4.11 In order to enable the implementation of the Growth and Spatial Strategy, Strategic Policy 2 (SP2) defines a suite of Strategic Allocations where growth will be focused. SP2 therefore builds upon SP1 by directing growth to Regeneration Sites and Sustainable Urban Extensions within the identified Regeneration Growth Areas and Sustainable Growth Areas. The location and scale of these sites present opportunities for significant new development to take place over the plan period to help meet the LDP Vision and Objectives and ensure implementation of the Regeneration and Sustainable Growth Strategy. The combined development of these sites will result in the provision of comprehensive residential, employment and commercial development whilst providing new transportation, affordable housing, community, education and recreation facilities to serve the respective sites and existing communities.

- 4.12 Strategic and Development Management Policies
- 4.13 A suite of Strategic Policies were identified in the Preferred Strategy. These have been modified to take account of representations received and extended to provide a more comprehensive Strategic Policy Framework, which form the basis to implement and deliver the Vision and Strategic Objectives. The updated suite of 18 Strategic Policies is now supported by 56 accompanying Development Management Policies, which address a range of detailed thematic issues.
- 4.14 Supporting Documents
- 4.15 The Deposit Draft is supported by a Candidate Site Assessment, which has identified the sites that are suitable for allocation within the Replacement LDP. All candidate sites have been subject to a sequential four-stage assessment. This has considered the potential of each site to support the Preferred Strategy before scrutinising detailed site assessments (in terms of deliverability, sustainability and suitability) and consulting with appropriate specific consultation bodies. The fourth stage of this assessment has sought additional information from site promoters, where appropriate, to support sites for inclusion and subsequent allocation in the Deposit Plan.
- 4.15 There are a large number of supporting technical documents that have been produced to inform the Replacement LDP. These ensure that the Deposit Draft has complied with all statutory requirements and that the policies and proposals it contains are based on substantial evidence. This evidence base will form part of the consultation and should be read alongside the Deposit Draft.
- 4.16 Steps Following Consultation
- 4.18 Public consultation on the Deposit Draft will give all members of our communities and key stakeholders the opportunity to provide their opinion. The consultation ran for 8 weeks during the summer and has now closed. A high number of responses were received and officers are currently reviewing all representations submitted and will consider whether changes need to be made to the Deposit Plan. The supporting evidence base will also be reviewed to determine if any updates are required. The Council will then need to prepare a new Delivery Agreement with Welsh Government to set out an appropriate timescale towards formal adoption of the replacement LDP.
- 4.19 **National Planning Policy: Future Wales 2040 & Planning Policy Wales 11**
- 4.20 Future Wales – The National Plan 2040 (FW2040) is the Welsh national development plan, setting the direction for development in Wales to 2040. Formerly known as the National Development Framework, it is a development plan with a national strategy for addressing key national priorities through the planning system, including sustaining and developing a vibrant economy, achieving decarbonisation and climate-resilience, developing strong ecosystems and improving the health and well-being of our communities. FW2040 outlines where we should be investing in infrastructure and development for the greater good of Wales and its people.
- 4.21 FW2040 is linked to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. It demands that development and use of land contribute to improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It is a framework which will be

built on by Strategic Development Plans (SDPs) at a regional level and Local Development Plans (LDPs) at local authority level - these must be in conformity with FW2040 . Development Control Decisions must consider FW2040 as a development plan.

- 4.22 FW2040, identifies 4 regions in Wales: North, Mid, South West and South East. As part of the South East Wales region, Bridgend is specifically identified in as a centre of regional growth. This is based on its strategically important location as part of the South Wales Metro system and the opportunity that this provides to improve rail, bus, cycling and walking infrastructure across the region to provide a focus for investment, regeneration and associated development.
- 4.23 FW2040 also identifies Bridgend as a Priority Area for District Heating Networks, with an expectation on local planning authorities to identify opportunities for integrating into new and existing development.
- 4.24 Other key policy areas include:
- Supporting Urban Growth and Regeneration – Public Sector Leadership
 - Supporting Rural Communities and the rural economy
 - Town Centre First approach
 - Delivering Affordable Homes
 - Flooding
 - Resilient Ecological Networks and Green Infrastructure
 - National and International Connectivity
 - Supporting Digital Communications
 - Planning in Mobile Action Zones
 - National Forest
 - Renewable and Low Carbon Energy and Associated Infrastructure
 - Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Developments of National Significance
- 4.25 Planning Policy Wales (PPW 11) is published alongside FW2040 and reflects the change in the development planning hierarchy introduced by the national plan.
- 4.26 **Placemaking**
- 4.27 FW2040 places great emphasis on strategic placemaking principles to ensure that the growth and regeneration of towns and cities should positively contribute towards building sustainable places. PPW11 is also updated to reflect more emphasis on the placemaking agenda and to take into account potential changes to the land use planning system as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. These places support active and healthy lives, with urban neighbourhoods that are compact and walkable, organised around mixed-use centres and public transport, and integrated with green infrastructure
- 4.28 Placemaking is about ensuring that each new development contributes positively to creating or enhancing environments within which people, communities, businesses and nature can thrive. It puts people at the heart of the design and development process to create places that are vibrant, have a clear identity and where people can develop a sense of belonging.

- 4.29 A holistic approach is needed that takes into consideration whole places rather than individual land uses or each development in isolation. Masterplanning is an important aspect. Placemaking has grown in importance as the links with health and wellbeing have been more explicitly explored and understood.
- 4.30 The Placemaking Charter Wales was launched in September 2020 by Julie James, Minister for Housing and Local Government. The Charter outlines placemaking principles that cover the range of considerations that contribute to establishing and maintaining good places. These include: people and community, movement, public realm, location, mix of uses and identity.
- 4.31 It is open for individual organizations and groups to sign up to the Placemaking Charter Wales. The Development Control Committee has endorsed the charter and

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 The statutory town and country planning system is governed by the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Planning Wales Act 2015 and various regulations.

6. Equality Act 2010 implications

- 6.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh Language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.
- 6.2 As part of the wider statutory planning process the effective management of land and its change seeks to help to eliminate inequality and disadvantage in people's lives. This has been reflected in the recently published Planning Policy Wales 11 (PPW11), which aligns the planning system with other key Welsh Government strategies including the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 and the Socio- Economic Duty.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

- 7.1 Any changes to policy or procedure will be prepared in accordance with the 7 Wellbeing goals and the 5 ways of working as identified in the Act.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1 The report is for noting and current procedures are carried out within existing budget headings.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 That the Town and Community Council Forum notes the report.

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